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It is requested that the attached revised pages be substituted for pages 6 and 13 in COMIREX-M-100. COMIREX-M-100 were approved by COMIREX on 9 July 1970 subject to the changes reflected in the attached revised pages.

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NPIC Briefings

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Introduction and General Observations on
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BADGER Activity in Communist China

Rumanian Flood Conditions

Activity at Aswan Airfield in Egypt

Significant Unidentified Installations in
China (SUI's--formerly SAWRF's)

Sovkhoz Future Plowshare Site

VC/NVA Headquarters Complex,
Parrot's Beak, Cambodia

Evaluation of Possible FROG Equipment
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Section I (Briefings)

NPIC Briefings

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1. [REDACTED] reported the first part of Mission 1110 acquired fair to good KH-4 photography on portions of the USSR, China, Northern North Korea and the Middle East between 21 and 29 May. Despite 75 percent cloud-free coverage, many high priority targets were not photographed because of adverse weather predictions in the target area. Some important targets such as the MRBM/IRBM sites that were predicted as cloud-covered during accesses on the first bucket were programmed for coverage on the second bucket, for which 80 percent cloud-free coverage is anticipated.

2. [REDACTED] explained that, in addition to providing highlights from coverage obtained by KH-4 Mission 1110, NPIC briefers would cover some items [REDACTED] not presented earlier and some other items believed to be of special interest. The briefings presented by NPIC covered the following topics as summarized at Tab A: (a) BADGER Activity in Communist China; (b) Rumanian Flood Conditions; (c) Activity at Aswan Airfield, Egypt; (d) Significant Unidentified Installations in China (SUI's, formerly SAWRF's); (e) Sovkhoz Future Plowshare Site, USSR; (f) VC/NVA Headquarters Complex, "Parrot's Beak", Cambodia; (g) Evaluation of Reported Possible FROG Equipment in North Vietnam; and (h) [REDACTED]

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Section II (Approval of Minutes)

COMIREX-M-96, M-97, M-98, and M-99

Members were requested to telephone comments or corrections to the Executive Secretary by c.o.b. on Monday, 16 June 1970, on COMIREX-M-96, covering the regular meeting of 14 May 1970 and on COMIREX-M-97, 98, and 99 covering the meetings held 25 May, 28 May, and 3 June to consider draft papers on guidance for NRP planning FY 1972 and beyond (see USIB-D-46.4/38, COMIREX-D-13.16/8, 9 June 1970). /No changes having been submitted, COMIREX-M-96, M-97, M-98, and M-99 are recorded as approved by COMIREX 16 June 1970./

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Report on Aircraft and Drone Activities

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6. Reports presented by the Acting DIA Member, the CIA Member, and the Chairman, ICRS, on aircraft and drone activities in the Far East and Cuba, and on coverage of special targets in the Far East are summarized in Tab D.

7. [REDACTED] noted that consideration is being given to requesting authorization for a second GIANT SCALE mission over the DMZ area of North Korea this month. He asked that DIA be notified if anyone has requirements supporting the need for such coverage.

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8. The Acting DIA Member reported that a [REDACTED] mission, specifically scheduled following the reported readout on possible Free-Rocket-Over-Ground weapons (FROG's) in North Vietnam was flown yesterday (10 June). (See Tab A, paragraphs 16 and 17.)

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Proposed COMIREX Mission Exploitation Guidance Manual
and Middle East Mission Exploitation Guidance (T-KH)

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8. [REDACTED] opened his presentation on the proposed COMIREX mission exploitation guidance system by referring to the Committee's charge to EXSUBCOM to prepare specific mission exploitation requirements and guidance for possible airborne reconnaissance of the Middle East (see COMIREX-M-89, Section V, paragraphs 4-10, 19 February 1970). At that time he had pointed out to the Committee that EXSUBCOM member agencies had been involved since October 1968 in a detailed review of mission exploitation and reporting requirements for all COMIREX targets requiring exploitation at the national level. He noted that a major handicap in pursuing the over-all review had been the absence of common community language to be employed for definition of imagery exploitation requirements and to express priorities and level of readout required for the various systems. In light of this, the COMIREX staff developed the proposed system to include uniform terminology and format which the whole Community could adopt and apply uniformly in stating any and all mission exploitation requirements, whether acquired by satellite or airborne reconnaissance. It was then possible to proceed quickly and effectively with formulation of the Middle East requirements within this system.

9. He noted that, while specific regional exploitation requirements had been developed and approved in the past for both North Vietnam and North Korea, experience had shown there was not any effective procedure to maintain them on a current basis and insure their responsiveness to the changing situation. For that reason, although draft requirements for the Middle East had in fact been coordinated within EXSUBCOM several weeks ago, [REDACTED] had not submitted them to COMIREX for approval until the proposed mission exploitation guidance system for maintenance had been concurred in by NPIC. He then proceeded to describe the proposed COMIREX mission exploitation guidance system which when adopted

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would provide a comprehensive and uniform basis for expressing and maintaining mission exploitation requirements for all collection systems and target areas. The proposed system would also provide for flexibility and responsiveness to changing situations and current needs. Copies of the briefing charts used by [] are attached at Tab E.

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10. The Acting Army Member asked whether, for example, point targets within a particular country as opposed to all point targets could be handled separately as a high priority readout requirement under the proposed system. [] replied that this would be possible.

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11. [] if the procedure proposed by [] differed from present procedures and was told exploitation requirements are presently handled in essentially this way but in a less definitive manner. []'s proposal, if approved, would serve to formalize exploitation guidance to NPIC.

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12. Following discussion of the proposed general guidance and the need for specific current guidance on the Middle East, the Acting Chairman directed the Chairman, EXSUBCOM, to proceed immediately to complete action on the Middle East requirement and forward it to COMIREX for consideration at an early meeting.

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Section V (Other Business)

Status of ARGO Support Activity

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1. [REDACTED] noted that NPIC has been requested to brief the 17 June ARGO Steering Committee meeting on KH-4 Mission 1110 coverage of the Rumanian floods. (See page A-1.)

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2. [REDACTED] reported on the status of imagery collection in response to the request by the Chairman, ARGO Steering Committee, for possible KH-4 coverage of selected

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with improving the response of the Federal Government to national disasters. COMIREX earlier had determined that KH-4 photography could not be provided in the time frame required. Subsequently the decision had then been made to employ Air Force and CIA U-2 assets utilizing the Iris II camera system against the requirement. (See COMIREX-D-38.2/1; COMIREX-M-95, Section IV, paragraphs 3-7; and COMIREX-M-96, Section IV, paragraphs 11-15).

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National Disaster Support Task Group

4. To date six missions had been evaluated by USGS, three Air Force and three CIA. These had provided coverage of about 70 percent of the requested area. The procedures developed for feedback of mission success and recoverage requirements to the operators was working satisfactorily and he was optimistic about completing the project prior to the advent of the hurricane season. He also reported that USGS has reported the quality of the photography to be generally very good.

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Status of ACDA Support Activity

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5. [REDACTED] presented a status report on COMIREX support to the ACDA planned Field Test-51 (see COMIREX-M-81, Section V, paragraph 3). He reviewed the background of the ACDA request to COMIREX and the accomplishment to date. He noted that the poor weather in the area of the proposed test, the conflict with higher priority COMIREX targets, as well as target conflicts within the FT-51 area itself, made the achievement of an adequate imagery data base on the targets extremely difficult. This is shown by the fact that so far only eight successful data base photographs have been achieved out of 94 attempts. A copy of the graphics used by [REDACTED] are included as Tab F.

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Effort to Acquire Coverage of China

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7. In commenting on the NPIC briefing of results from Mission 1110-1, [REDACTED] noted that, with regard to parts of Communist China on which we have not had photographic coverage for three years or more, it may be necessary for us to take higher risks with regard to weather predictions in attempts to acquire coverage on upcoming missions.

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Accelerated Handling of Southeast Asia Photography (T-KH)

8. The Acting Chairman informed the Committee on steps taken by DIA to accelerate the field's processing of imagery from Southeast Asia missions. In view of the increased Community interest in Cambodia and the SEA area generally, DIA had earlier provided for accelerated delivery of film from these missions to the Washington area. Now they were attempting to expedite all phases of the process as applied to the full range of the various types of missions in the area.

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9. At this point the Acting Chairman also wished to note his commendation of [] for a particularly fine presentation on the Bathu area of Cambodia (see Tab A, page A-5). This was an excellent example of what was desired from SEA imagery.

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Possible Use of Color Film in [] Program

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10. [] (T-KH) noted for the Committee's information that [] will be visiting Germany soon and will look into the possibility of using some color film in the [] program

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Section VI (Subcommittee and Working Group Reports)

Imagery Exploitation Subcommittee

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1. The Chairman, EXSUBCOM, reported that, in light of the problems encountered with the [REDACTED] EXSUBCOM had rescinded the requirement for formal evaluations by the NTP exploitation components. Each organization will routinely review the [REDACTED] however, and any significant results would be provided to the Chairman, EXSUBCOM, for distribution to the community.

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2. [REDACTED] stated that basic exploitation requirements for FY 71 had been developed and coordinated within EXSUBCOM on several of the National Tasking Plan functional areas. These will be submitted for COMIREX approval in the near future.

3. He also noted that EXSUBCOM had developed the target list for first-phase mission exploitation of the planned South China drone mission. Special film distribution requirements have also been issued as a modification to the standing requirements document (COMIREX-D-34. 6/1 and amendments thereto.) These special requirements provide that one duplicate positive (DP) print each for CIA/IAS and DIAAP-9 will be included in the first priority shipment to NPIC. This modification to the standing film distribution requirements was an exception and does not constitute a permanent change to the normal distribution priorities.

Data Base Working Group

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4. The Chairman, DBWG, reported that the Area File Coordinator, has completed his report indexing requirements and it will be considered at the 17 July DBWG meeting.

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5. DIAMS has tabled for DBWG review and comment a preliminary paper concerning the computer structure of the automated area coverage file and the computed mission coverage index. DBWG will also consider this matter at its 17 July meeting.

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Tab A

NPIC Briefings

General Observations on Mission 1110-1

1. [] reported six of the 24 Soviet ICBM complexes were covered on 1110-1. No new launch sites were observed. New information was obtained, however, from coverage of portions of at least 25 MRBM/IRBM complexes. Two new Type III-D launch groups and a new (11th) III-D site which has not yet been assigned to a group were identified at the Derazhnya MRBM Complex. Two III-D launch sites were also newly identified at the Pervomaysk IRBM Complex. A full report will be available following study of Mission 1110-2.

2. The Tyuratam Missile and Space Center was obscured by heavy clouds. Only the main support base at Plesetsk was covered and no significant activity was noted there. Coverage of Sary Shagan revealed no change in the new radar reported at an earlier meeting (see page A-4 of COMIREX-M-93).

BADGER Activity in Communist China

3. [] reported the largest number of BADGER aircraft observed in Communist China to date. Eight BADGER aircraft were identified at Wu Kung Airfield, the home base for BADGER's, and four others were observed on the same pass at the Hsian Airframe Plant.

Rumanian Flood Conditions

4. [] reported that Mission 1110-1 provided coverage of parts of Rumania on 30 May. Although the flood waters were already subsiding by this date, there was evidence of high waters in Central and South Rumania where coverage was obtained.

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It had not been possible on 1110-1 to acquire photography of the other areas of reported major damage in Western and Eastern Rumania. A comparison of coverage on 1110-1 with that in September 1969 (Mission 1052) showed high waters over river banks and road and rail lines which would tend to confirm reports of property and crop damage. [REDACTED] displayed graphics showing evidence of flooding in the following areas of Rumania: Alba Iulia, Apata, Slatina, Turnu Magurele, and Pietrosani.

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15. [redacted] on 10 May 1970 revealed this facility had been destroyed in what appeared to be solely an ARVN ground operation. [redacted] commented that graphics he presented showed this action (Operation "Rock Crusher") involving 18,000 ARVN personnel in a three-pronged attack had been a highly effective tactical operation.

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Evaluation of Possible FROG Equipment in North Vietnam

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16. [redacted] reported on a special briefing to the Project [redacted] Task Group following the arrival of 2 June GIANT SCALE photography of North Vietnam in Washington on Sunday evening (7 June). Field readouts of this GIANT SCALE photography had originally reported 41 possible FROG transporter launchers in the Vinh Yen area of North Vietnam. Analysis of the photography in Washington indicated the vehicles were not FROG transporter launchers, but the quality of the photography precluded positive identification. [redacted] said an attempt had

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been made in briefing [] to give the key reasons for deciding the vehicles were not FROG launchers. The objects present a very low profile in stereo and this was the main argument against their being considered FROG transporter launchers. A second reason was the total lack of track vehicle activity in this entire area. There are extensive storage facilities for trucks and construction equipment in this area as well as crates of all sizes and smaller vehicles. NPIC analysts believe, and DIA agrees, that the vehicles are low-bed trailers.

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17. [] noted that mensuration data received after the [] meeting showed the vehicles to be well under the size of FROG transporter launchers. Drone coverage of the area is being scheduled and should make more positive identification possible.

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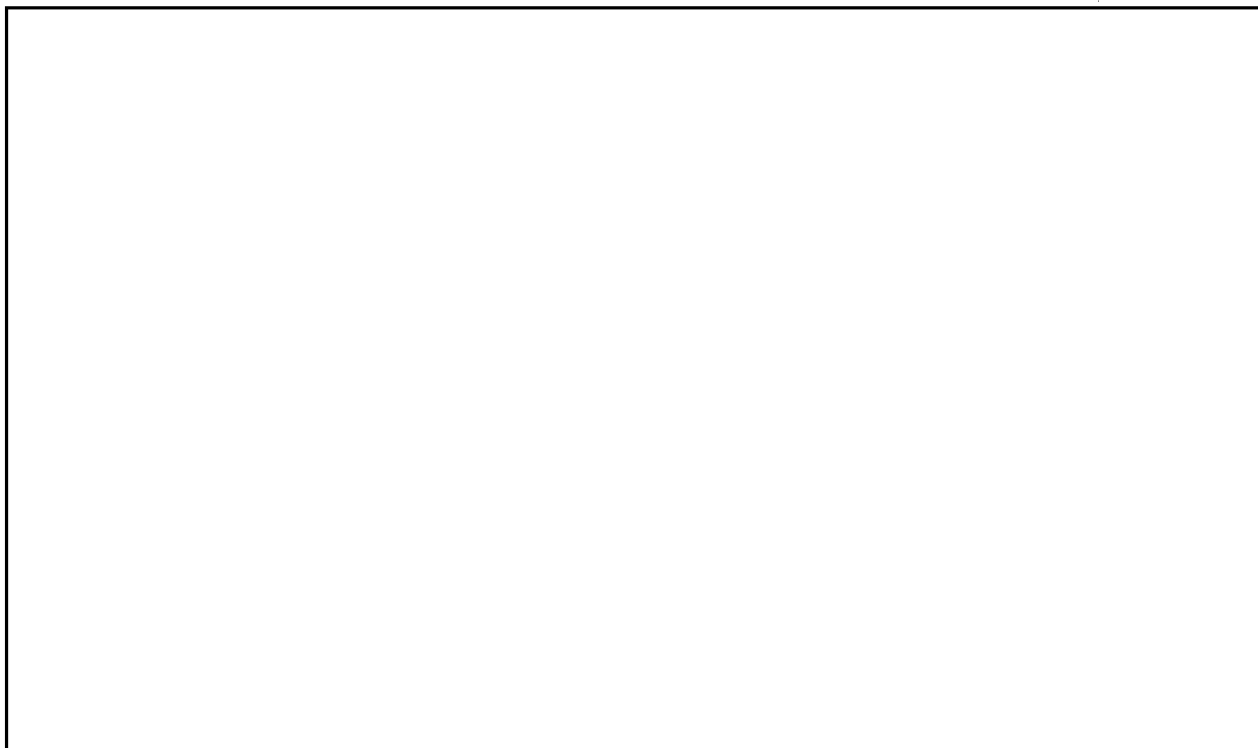
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21. [redacted] asked whose evaluation this briefing represented. [redacted] replied that it was an NPIC evaluation arrived at in consultation with the film manufacturer.

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Report on Aircraft and Drone Activities
(28 May - 10 June 1970)

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>AREAS/TARGETS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
29 May	Q636/617 (low)	Gia Lam Afld Dong Suong Afld	MARS
29 May	Q637/618 (low)	Thanh Hoa/Hwy 1A Water Routes	MARS
30 May	Q519/619 (low)	Dong Hoi Afld, Dong Hoi/ Quang Khe TSP's	MARS
31 May	Q573/620 (low)	Kien An Afld, Kien An SAM Spt	MARS
31 May	Q582/621 (low)		LOST
2 June	Q631/622 (low)	Hon Gai NVB/SHYD, Cam Pha Port	MARS
3 June	Q556A/623 (low)	Haiphong Port/Shipyds	MARS
7 June	Q255/627 (high)	Dong Hoi/Vinh Aflds Rte & SAM Search	MARS
7 June	Q607A/628 (low)	Hwy 7, Vinh Son Complex SAM Sites	MARS
8 June	Q531A/629 (low)	Haiphong Port, Kien An Afld	MARS
10 June	Q638/630 (low)	Vinh Yen Ammo Dpt	MARS

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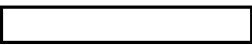
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4 June	GS 262	70%
6 June	GS 263	80%

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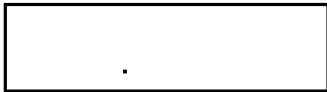
Two maps showing  coverage of North Korea are attached. The map on page D-5 shows coverage acquired by Mission 262 on 5 June 1970 and the one on page D-6 shows cumulative coverage from 16 February through 5 June 1970 (Missions 226, 237, 250, 256, and 262).

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
28 May	GA 183	0%
30 May	GA 184	15%
1 June	GA 185	35%
3 June	GA 187	45%
4 June	GA 188	45%
7 June	GA 189	5%

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None scheduled.

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None scheduled.

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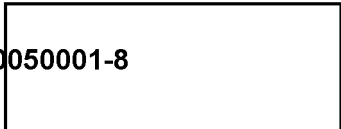
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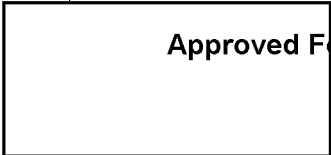
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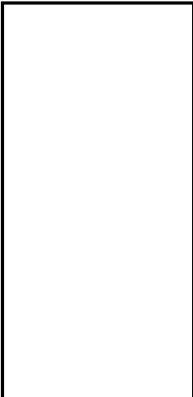
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Coverage of Special Targets in South China and North Vietnam

a. Surveillance Coverage on Lines of Communication (LOC) Targets to Detect Introduction of Chinese Forces into North Vietnam (see COMOR-D-25/207, 4 March 1966). The number of LOC priority targets in South China and North Vietnam remains at 320. For the period 28 May - 10 June 1970 surveillance coverage was reported on the five priority targets listed below:



<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>NAME</u>
CH	KUEI YANG/LEI CHUANG AIRFIELD
CH	SHAN TOU NAVAL BASE
CH	CHU CHING ARMY BKS NORTH AL-1
CH	FO HAI ARMY BKS SOUTH AL-1
CH	CHU TIEN ARMY BKS AL-1



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b. Coverage of North Vietnam to Detect Possible Introduction or Deployment of Offensive Missile Systems (see COMOR-D-25/200, 23 May 1967, and COMIREX-D-25.3/2, 20 November 1967) is shown on the grid maps on pages D-7 and D-8 for the following time periods:

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>MISSIONS NOT REPORTED</u>
21 May - 27 May 70	0
28 May - 3 Jun 70	1

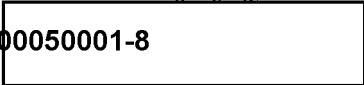
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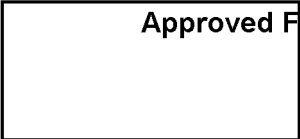


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<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
3 June	GS 122	17.5%
April - May - June Cumulative		89.5%

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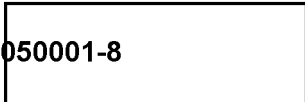
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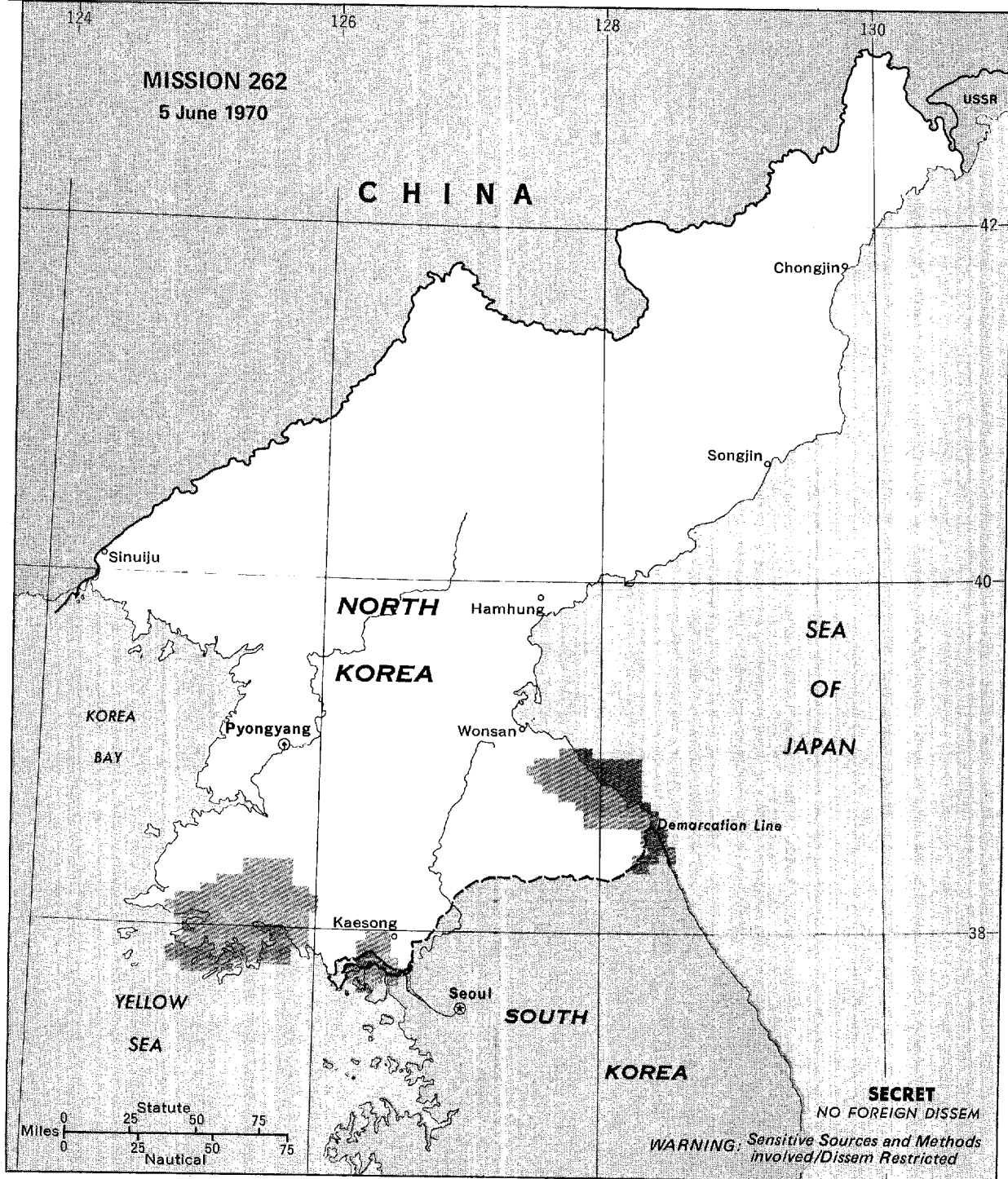
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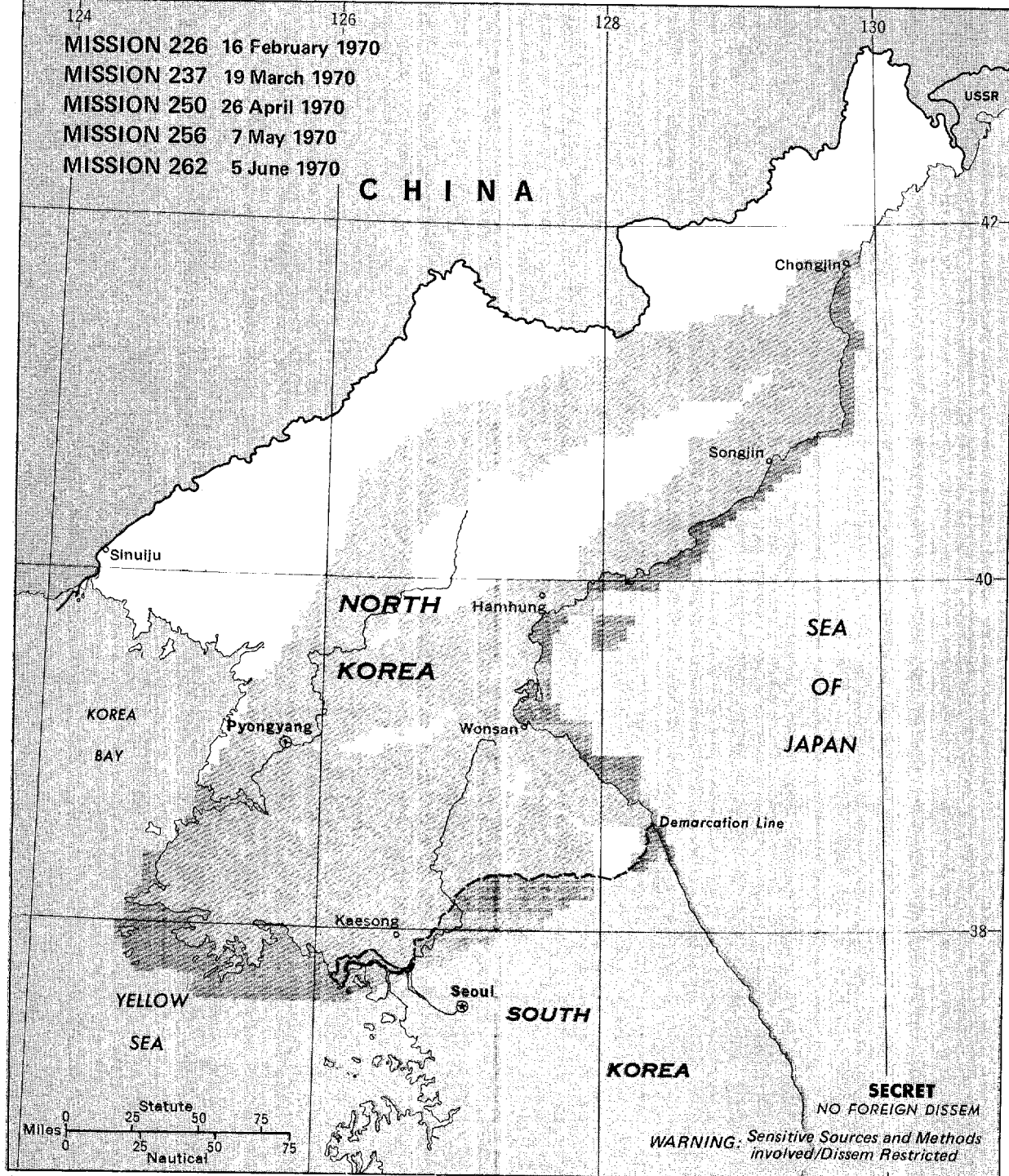
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Coverage of North Korea



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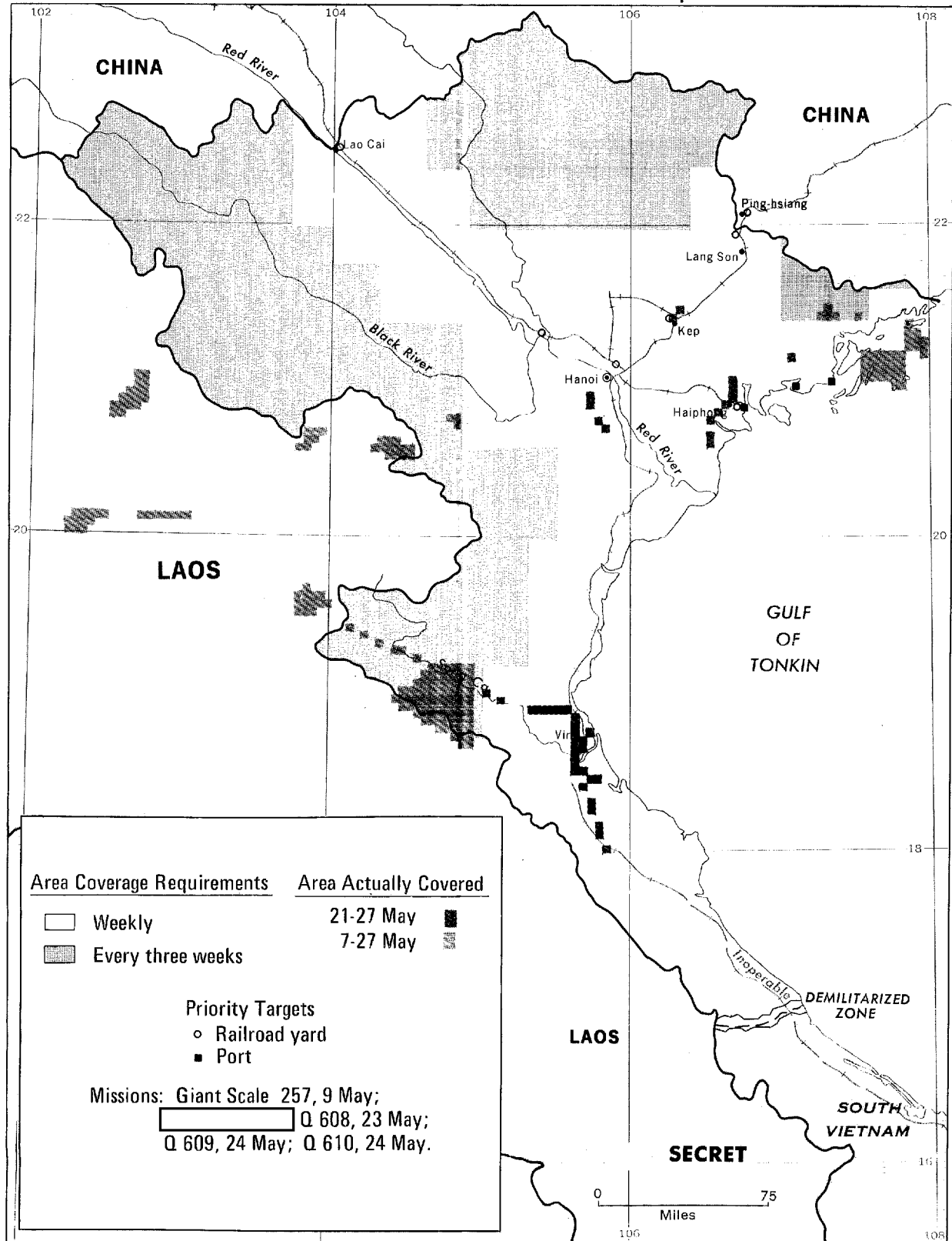
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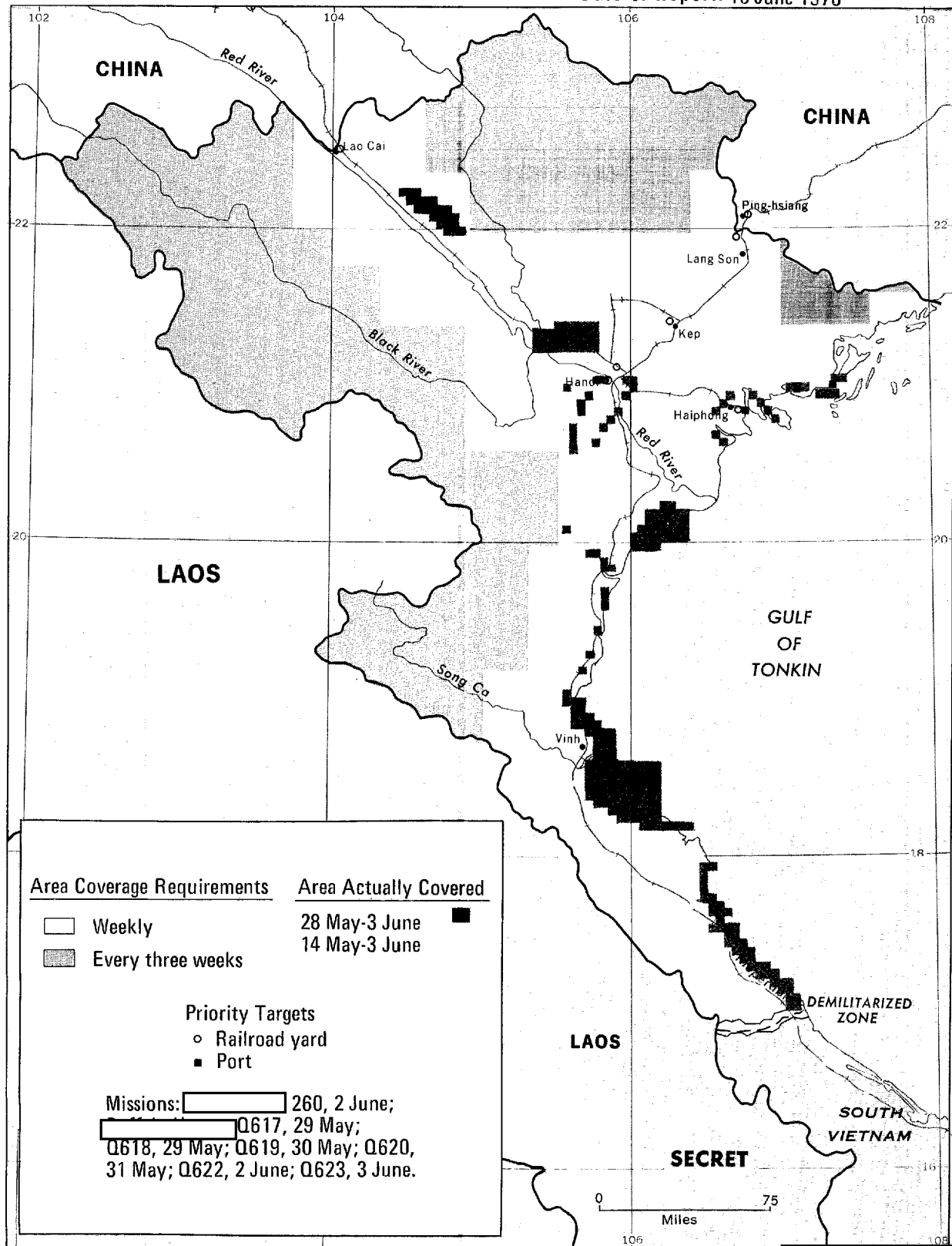
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High Resolution Coverage of North Vietnam

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